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District of Columbia
Department of Human Services
Family Services Administration (FSA)

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Fiscal Year 2024
Homelessness Prevention Program
(Short name: HPP)
RFA #JA-FSA-HPP-2023-004

Announcement Date: June 8, 2023
RFA Release Date: June 15, 2023
Pre-application Conference Date: June 22, 2023
Application Submission Deadline: July 7, 2023 at 4:00pm

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HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

The District of Columbia (District) Department of Human Services (DHS) Family Services Administration (FSA), hereinafter referred to as the “DHS/FSA” seeks eligible entities to provide crisis intervention services through the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) to families with minor child(ren) under the age of eighteen (18), who are at imminent risk of homelessness, by stabilizing them in the community and reducing the number of families in need of shelter placement. The amount available for the project is approximately \$5,450,000.00. The intent is to contract four providers.

Purpose/Description of the Project: This Notice of Funding Availability seeks to identify potential applicants that can provide HPP services to those who are at imminent risk of homelessness. The HPP provided by the applicant should primarily be focused on meaningfully engaging families through creation of a dignified and safe environment, facilitation of a coordinated entry into the homeless services continuum, connection to supportive services through case management, and ensuring accessibility to peer-led, professionally-supported, therapeutic programming.

Eligibility: Non-profit and for profit community based organizations, including those with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations, faith-based organizations, such as churches, synagogues, mosques, or religiously based social service affiliates of such organizations, and private enterprises located in the District that have demonstrated experience working with families and individuals experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless are encouraged to apply. Applications are also encouraged from collaborating community-based and faith-based organizations.

Applicants will be judged in this competition based on past experience with administering one time only needs-based assistance payments, the extent of geographic service delivery capacity, and the ability to provide case management, including financial counseling services. These services may be provided directly or by a sub-Grantee. These organizations would be expected to provide case management services to all families for whom case management appears warranted.

This approach facilitates the provision of case management services, ensures accountability, and involves a diverse array of community organizations. Provision of emergency assistance is most effective when combined with a strong case management effort. Such efforts minimize recidivism and help connect residents in need of emergency assistance with other services such as financial planning, employment and other supports that facilitate self-reliance.

The strong desire to couple emergency assistance payments with case management argues against a strict income maintenance approach to emergency assistance, such as was administered by the DHS/FSA in the past. As with all grants, DHS/FSA would retain responsibility for monitoring and assuring adherence to program eligibility criteria. A centralized computerized tracking system will be utilized to ensure accountability.



In addition to having the appropriate staff qualifications and experience performing services similar in size and scope to the requirements of this grant, eligible grantees must also demonstrate their intent and ability to:

- The Grantee's facilities used during the performance of this grant agreement shall meet all applicable Federal, state, and local regulations for their intended use throughout the duration of the grant agreement.
- The Grantee shall maintain current all required permits and licenses. The Grantee's failure to do so shall constitute a failure to perform under the agreement and become a basis for termination of the grant agreement for default.

Length of Grant Award and Available Funding: Grantee(s) will be awarded funding based on the capacity to meet the requirements of the program. The award period for the grant will be from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The amount available for the project is up to \$5,450,000.00 for one base year with four option years, subject to funding availability.

RFA Release: The RFA will be released on **June 15, 2023**. A copy of the RFA may be obtained by the following means:

Download from the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services website under the District Grants Clearinghouse (<http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse>).

Email a request to Lucille Hart with "Request copy of RFA #JA-FSA-HPP-2023-004" in the subject line.

Pick up a copy in person from the Department's reception desk, located at 64 New York Ave., 6th Fl., Washington, DC 20002. To make an appointment, call Lucille Hart at 202-698-4170 and mention this RFA by name.

Write DHS at 64 New York Ave., 6th Fl., Washington, DC 20002, "Attn: Lucille Hart RE: RFA #JA-FSA-HPP-2023-004" on the outside of the envelope.

Deadline for Applications: The deadline for application submissions is **July 7, 2023 at 4:00pm**. Five hard copies must be submitted to the above address and a complete electronic copy must be e-mailed to lucille.hart@dc.gov. Late or incomplete applications will not be forwarded to the review panel.

For additional information, write to: Lucille Hart at lucille.hart@dc.gov.